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Novi Goodfellows and O&E Media, publisher of the *Novi News*, are hoping it will rain Pennies From Heaven on Saturday. The two organizations are joining forces to collect pennies and space change for Make a Difference Day.

Goodfellows volunteers will be at the city of Novi's Fire Station No. 1, located on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Main Street, where folks can drop off coins or make donations from 10 a.m. to noon.

Path changed due to safety issues

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The East Lake-Novi Road Neighborhood Connector plan is still on course and could be completed by next year, but there needs to be a route change.

The path is part of the 2011 Non-Motorized Master Plan that identified several cross country pathways to provide non-motor-

ized connections between neighborhoods. It's planned to connect East Lake Drive to Novi Road through Hickory Woods Elementary School, which is part of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

It hit a snag after the school district felt safety was at issue with the planned path route. Novi Engineering Manager Brian Coburn said a preliminary

design plan showing a proposed alignment was sent to WLCSO for its review in mid-March 2013. It was then the district relayed its reservations to the plan.

"In mid-April 2013, we were contacted by Bill Chatfield (Walled Lake's director of operations) and he indicated that WLCSO had some security concerns related to public use of the

pathway on school property during school hours," Coburn said in a memo to Hayes.

At that time, it was determined a lockable gate would be added to the final design so school grounds could be secured during recess times. However, safety remained a concern.

Coburn said the final design

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Students from Novi Woods Elementary and the Academy of the Americas say hello to each other during a music workshop. LONNIE HUHMANN



Novi Woods third-grader Emilee Breaud plays a homemade instrument alongside Classical Jam violinist Cyrus Beroukhim and Justin Hines on percussion. LONNIE HUHMANN

Novi students jam with Detroiters

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A group of Novi Woods Elementary School students partnered Oct. 14 with students from Detroit's Academy of the Americas for a "Global Jam."

More than 200 third- and fourth-graders from the two schools gathered for a musical jam session led by the unique New York-based ensemble Classical Jam.

"I liked it a lot. It was fun performing in front of everyone," Novi Woods third-grader Emilee Breaud said. "Meeting the other kids was fun, too."

The students used homemade instruments and became part of the performance as they worked together to form a song. As they began with clapping to learn how to keep beat and time. As they worked through it, they were partnered up.

According to Diane Powers — founder of Bridgepointe, which helped support the program — the goal was to have students get

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"Music can bring people together and this ensemble (Classical Jam) has a way of playing and teaching that is really fun for the kids."

KELLE VELA
Chamber Music Society vice president

School board president and city councilman?

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The Nov. 5 election could be a from-the-frying-pan-into-the-fire scenario for Dennis O'Connor if he wins his bid for a four-year term on Novi City Council.

As president of the Novi Community Schools Board of Education, he'd have a one-week break before being

sworn in the following Tuesday — and he'll have to step down from his current position.

According to state law (Act 566 of 1978; 15.182; Sec. 2. (1)): "... a public officer or public employee shall not hold two or more incompatible offices at the same time."

His position would be filled ("immediately," ac-

ording to the board bylaws) with an appointment by the remaining board members.

If the vacancy is not filled within 30 days after it occurs, the Oakland County Intermediate School District would make an appointment. Whoever is appointed would hold that position until the next regular school election in November 2014.

But there is an unan-


swered question: If that person decides to run for election next November, how long would he or she serve if elected?

"The bylaws are silent on that issue," said Dr. Steve Matthews, Novi's superintendent. "The options would be to serve until the end of the term that was vacated or




O'Connor

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Roasting Red Sox



Mary Margret and Bill Gulowski snuggle up to a cozy campfire with their skeletons Oct. 15 as they roast some Red Sox for the playoffs. The Red Sox couple, with help from their daughters Clare and Grace, set up the display in their neighborhood off of Nine Mile. Unfortunately, Boston eliminated the Detroit Tigers 4-2 in the series with a win Oct. 19. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

JAM

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acquainted as they learned how to listen and respond to each other using basics of musical rhythm and melody from diverse world cultures to create a jam session.

A Detroit-based non-profit charitable organization, Bridgepointe brings together school children from city and suburb, bridging different cultures and backgrounds through shared experiences and enhancing understanding among partnering schools and communities.

"Exposing them (students) to this musical enrichment and giving them an opportunity to

seeing its most ambitious expansion since its inception. During the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years, the CMSD will deliver programs to more than 50,000 children in schools across southeast Michigan.

Vela said Classical Jam is committed to presenting engaging, high-caliber performances to diverse audiences. Known for its vibrant performances and creative concert programs, Classical Jam unites acclaimed soloists and chamber musicians for performances that can be enjoyed by both new and established classical music audiences.

"This workshop is giving the students a better understanding and

sensitivity; it's about bridging communities," Academy of the Americas Principal Nicholas Brown said.

His school is a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade Neighborhood-Centered Quality School, which offers a unique Dual Immersion Bilingual Academic Program in Spanish and English within the traditional rigorous curriculum. It has a student body that is 94 percent Hispanic and 4 percent African American.

Thirty-nine percent of Novi Woods' student body is Asian, 6 percent is African American and 2 percent is Hispanic. There are 480 students in the school.

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PATH

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was completed in early August and was routed to WLCSD for review and comment. In late August, Novi staff was contacted by Chatfield, who informed officials that WLCSD would no longer support the installation of the pathway in the vicinity of the playground.

The original entire design fee of \$6,491 was exhausted to complete those final design plans, which is why a new financial agreement with Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment was needed

for it to create a modified plan to have a new route alignment.

New route proposed

"The proposed new route would utilize another parcel owned by the city at 1303 E. Lake Drive and then follow the southern limits of the school property along over to Novi Road," Hayes told council in his report.

According to the modified plan, the route is located on the portion of the school property that is not utilized by students and is separated by wooded areas, existing fences and possibly new fences to be installed as

part of the project. In initial discussions, Novi officials said WLCSD had indicated that it believes this route would be acceptable.

Coburn said the construction of the pathway is funded for fiscal year 2013-14 in the amount of \$52,000, however he added the new alignment is longer, requires more tree removal and grading and may require fencing to separate the pathway from the school grounds, likely causing the construction cost estimate to increase.

Once the preliminary design is complete, Novi said it intends on requesting more formal documentation from

WLCSD stating its approval of the alignment before authorizing OHM to complete the final design of the modified plan.

The Novi City Council approved a new plan to amend its 2012 engineering services agreement with OHM for additional design engineering services for the East Lake Novi Road Neighborhood Connector in the amount of \$19,591.

According to Novi Public Services Director Rob Hayes, if things go according to plan it, "could be ready for construction in spring 2014."

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BOARD

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to run for a full term in November '14. On that point, there would still need to be some discussion."

Board members, terms

O'Connor was the top finisher in the 2008 school board election. It was the district's first-ever November school

board election (prior ones were in May) and the terms were four years. He received the most votes again when he was re-elected in 2012, but that term won't expire until 2018.

"Six-year terms started in 2012. It was a 4-3 vote," said O'Connor, who voted against the change. "We had a great system going in Novi - annual school board elections in November; only two or one board member(s) were up for re-election

each year; minimal turnover on the board." He says it didn't cost the taxpayers any additional dollars as the school district piggy-backed the city and gubernatorial and presidential elections.

Then, in 2011, the state made it law that all school board elections statewide must only be held in November of even years. The school board voted to shift from four- to six-year terms. Terms begin with the

first meeting in January. O'Connor and Trustee Tracy Cadwell are the only two board members currently on six-year terms that expire in November 2018. Two seats - Trustee George Koziak's and Vice President Bobbie Murphy's - open in 2016. And the seats held by Secretary Shari Lebo, Treasurer Ann Ghubzinski and Trustee Jason Manar will be up for election in 2014.

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UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

Light Up the Night

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host the fourth annual Light Up the Night craft show 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road. The cost per vendor space is \$30 and includes a table and two chairs. Additional tables may be purchased for \$15 each. Electricity will also be available for an additional \$5 cost. Crafters and vendors will keep all proceeds from the evening. Interested crafters should complete an application, which can be found via www.cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, located inside the Novi Civic Center.

Limited vendor space is available and the deadline to submit an application is 5 p.m. Nov. 18. Applications will be considered by the Light Up the Night Committee and vendors will be notified of acceptance by 5 p.m. Nov. 19. Full payment is due by Nov. 25. If payment is not received, the vendor space will be immediately released to another vendor.

In addition to the craft show, the Light Up the Night event includes family entertainment, photo opportunities with Santa, live reindeer, crafts, and much more holiday fun. For more information, please call 248-347-0000 or visit cityofnovi.org.

Local trips include:

- Halloween Tour, Thursday, Oct. 31, Woodmere Cemetery, Mariners Church, \$69

Advance planning is the key to a successful trip; reserve your spot today by calling city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

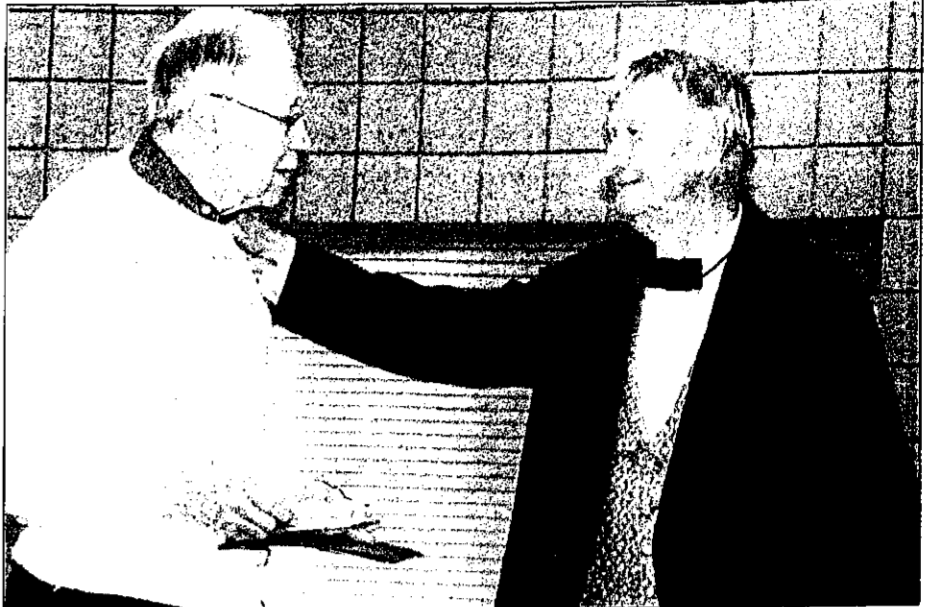
Pistol safety class

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 10 Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$20 course fee (cash or money order) may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earplugs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years of age and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit www.cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9943.



Guy Smith Jr. (right), who passed away in August, is shown paying tribute to retiring bass clarinetist Ron Salow.

Novi Concert Band pays tribute to late founder Smith

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Novi Concert Band members like donning costumes for their annual Halloween concert.

"Everybody finds some creative way to dress up," said Stephanie Hall of Novi, who plays the flute/piccobello and has been in the band about seven years. "It's just a fun experience, it doesn't matter what the theme of the concert is."

Her husband John Hall plays the trombone. He was invited by Karl Gross, who plays the tuba. "My husband hadn't played his tuba in 30 years," she said. "It's a wonderful group of people. We have a wonderful time playing music together."

All of the concerts are free, including the 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, performance at the Novi Civic Center on 10

Mile. This year's Halloween concert is presented in memory of founder Guy Smith Jr. of Brighton, who served on the Novi City Council from 1977-83.

Smith founded the band in 1971 and was its first director until 1980. He died in August of this year.

The band will present *Amazing Grace* by Tcheu and the Michigan State University fight song in Smith's honor. Smith had earned his bachelor's degree in accounting and an M.B.A. at MSU, as well as completing work toward a doctorate in history there.

On Sunday, Oct. 27, children will trick or treat with the musicians at intermission. Novi members are always welcome and adult musicians meet 7:30-9 p.m. each Tuesday at the Novi High School band room. You can follow the Novi Concert Band on Face-

book.

Stephanie Hall is "a pretty serious player" who does some professional musical theater work. She recalled learning from Smith of the earlier history of the band.

"He's such a nice guy," she said. "He had a really strong affiliation to MSU."

Agreeing on Smith is Diran Kochyan, assistant director and first chair clarinet. Kochyan, a Novi resident, has been with the band more than 15 years.

"Oh, a wonderful person," he said of Smith. "He was a really wonderful person. Great musician."

Kochyan noted Smith accomplished a lot in his life, with work ranging from a distinguished business career to service with the IRS.

Kochyan likes the annual Halloween performance with its costumes,

noting the Detroit Symphony Orchestra also performs at Halloween in costume. "It's a fun concert," he said.

Kochyan's in his 54th year on clarinet, almost his whole life. He's a Garden City district music teacher, including elementary and middle school, and also teaches adults at an area business.

"I like being active with activities in Novi. We have a good group of people," he said of the band, whose members range from teens to their 80s and cover many occupations.

"Everybody gets along," Kochyan said. "Our common goal is to perform quality music." They've been in parades, perform both in Novi and in nearby communities and have been seen by residents at Novi's Fox Run.

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Surveys vital tool in district's communications

Last weekend, I was pulling our car into the garage. We have a 4 x 4 board on the garage floor that stops our cars as we pull in, making sure that I don't run into the golf clubs and bikes. The board had started to get a little too close to the bikes and golf clubs, so I moved it.

As I pulled into the garage, I said to my wife, "I moved the board forward!" She said, "But it was too close to the bikes already, why didn't you move it back?" I said, "I know it was too close to the bikes, that's why I moved it forward."

She said, "You should have said you moved it back." This summer, my wife Jan and I celebrated our 36th wed-



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

ding anniversary. We were college sweethearts. I was from New Mexico, she was from Washington. We met in Iowa and fell in love. Even though we have known each other for 39 years and have been married for 36 years, it appears that we still may look at things differently and have problems communicating clearly.

If Jan and I have problems communicating clearly, it's no wonder that communication is sometimes an issue in busi-

nesses and school districts. Jan and I see and talk with each other every day. We know what the slight change in our voice means, what the raised eyebrow indicates, what the stare is trying to say. Yet even with our background and our familiarity, we still look at things differently.

Recently, more than 800 parents completed our second "Start of the School Year" survey. Just like last year, this was the first of four surveys that parents and community members will be asked to participate in this year. These surveys provide our district with valuable feedback on how it is doing.

Our "Start of the School Year" survey was discussed

with the Board of Education at its last meeting. Overall, the results were very encouraging. Principals and teachers communicated with parents. Transportation and food service were rated in a positive light.

More than 200 parents provided some written comments. These comments gave additional insight into the performance of our school district. While we do many things well and the comments reflected that, the comments also identified for me some of the ways that we can continue to improve.

Customer service, especially returning phone calls and emails, was seen as an area that could be improved. This year, my resolve has

been to listen more carefully and communicate more clearly. Our district and community surveys are one of the tools that we use to get feedback.

Our second survey will open in November. I would encourage our community to look for this and future surveys, in order to provide us with insight into how our district is doing.

I have learned many lessons from my wife. One of the important ones is that communication is not easy. But with work, we can understand each other.

Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us.

Fun Run reward



Parkview Elementary School Principal Jennifer Michos skips and leaps to dodge incoming water balloons Oct. 18 as she rewards students for their recent fundraising prowess. The students, conducting a Fun Run fundraiser, brought in more than \$15,500 for the school's budget and then got to toss water balloons at their principal (albeit one who was wearing a poncho). JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi High play full of laughs, talent

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When the curtain goes up on Novi High School's fall play, *All in the Timing* by David Ives, expect some great laughs.

"I felt like it was a good time for something comedic," said Heather McKaig, theater teacher. The play features seven short pieces.

"It's a great chance to work intensively with actors," McKaig said.

All in the Timing, featuring about a dozen student actors from Novi High, will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-26, at the Black Box Theatre of the high school.

"They're all comedies," said 12th-grader Meghan Lorenc, working on crew duties including publicity, posters and T-shirts. "They're all really fun-

ny." The young actors have been rehearsing weekdays after school for about a month. "It's fun," Lorenc said of her four-year involvement in theater. "Almost every show, too."

She's interested in a graphic design career and finds her theater work helpful. "But theater (as a career), probably not."

McKaig noted the teens also will do a one-act competition show in February and a musical in April.

"I think that theater gives them tools in teamwork and goal-setting," McKaig said. The cast and crew members are "working toward a common goal."

Tickets for the fall play are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors age 65 and up and children under 12. Call 248-449-1534 for tickets, which will also be available at the door.



Novi High School students Stephanie Mustonen and Eben Betts rehearse a scene from the school's upcoming production "All in the Timing." JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Taylor Semma shares her thoughts during language arts class offered through Novi's Adult Education program. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Life-long learners have a home in Novi

By Lonnie Hulman
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District places a big emphasis on life-long learning and its Continuing/Adult Education program is a great example of this in action.

"The whole concept here in Novi is reaching every age group with learning opportunities, from preschool to adult," said Bob Steeh, director of community education. "This is a shared value community wide."

In Novi, learning and enrichment opportunities are offered to residents of all ages, educational backgrounds, and socioeconomic levels. The adult education program has grown and now has more than 80 individuals participating. English as a Second Language classes are some of the most popular courses for residents. Last year, the program had its biggest graduating class with 39 students.

Linda Cianferra, Continuing/Adult and Alternative Edu-

To learn more about the programs, go to www.novi.k12.mi.us/communityed/ae/.

Education Development), ESL (English as a Second Language), Literacy Programs and Programs for Homeless and Workplace Literacy.

The goals are to give each participant equal access to obtain a GED or high school diploma, learn English and learn literacy skills regardless of skills and abilities and prepare them for jobs, career advancements with further education and training.

The classes are led by qualified teachers and are smaller in size. Because everyone has a different schedule, there is the option of online courses and nine-week courses. With classes located inside Novi Middle School, the classrooms are equipped with modern technology to aid in the learning process.

"We offer a flexible schedule that will allow students to maximize their options," Cianferra said.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

New website for alumni, friends

Schoolcraft College recently launched a new website devoted to its alumni and friends. The site, <http://scf.schoolcraft.edu>, is packed with information, including news and events, alumni features and important messages for those considering a gift to the Schoolcraft College Foundation. Alumni are encouraged to reconnect by visiting the class notes section to tell classmates about their successes since leaving Schoolcraft. Visitors also can read the college's alumni publication, The Bell Tower, on the site.

The site also can be accessed from the college website, www.schoolcraft.edu, by selecting the Alumni and Donors button in the lower right hand corner.

Winter registration

Online Assigned Registration for Winter 2014 credit classes for current Schoolcraft students will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. Assigned registration start times are based on the number of credits a student has earned as a Schoolcraft College student.

Online registration for Winter 2014 classes for everyone will be open at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. Classes for Winter 2014 begin Monday, Jan. 6.

Schoolcraft College is a public, predominantly two-year college, offering classes at the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile; the Radcliff Center in Garden City; the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia; and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Dad's Club



Justin Casagrande (left) assists Manuel Pagni in proper stance at the plate during the Oct. 18 Winchester Elementary School Dad's Club fundraiser. The newly formed Dad's Club raised some funds for the school that day by holding a baseball clinic on the school grounds, where kids got to learn a bit about hitting and fielding the ball. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

W.L. student receives Joyce Ivy Scholarship

Oren Iban, Walled Lake Northern High School senior, recently received the Joyce Ivy Foundation Scholarship, allowing her the opportunity to take college level classes at Harvard University this past summer. She studied international relations and principles of economics as part of this opportunity.

Iban is the daughter of Ima and Eneke Iban. She plans to pursue a career in biomedical engineering or law. She is currently pursuing several Ivy League colleges, as well as the University of Michigan.

Mom 2 Mom Sale fundraiser Nov. 2
Novi Community Education's Lily Pad Lane Infant Care will host a Mom 2 Mom Sale for items/clothing up to age 12 from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 2, at Novi High School.

Admission is \$1 per person; free to children ages infant to 15 years. Seller space is available: five-foot round tables are available for \$20 each; rack space is \$10.

For more information, call Child Care Services at 248-449-1713 or email goconnor@novi.k12.mi.us.

WLCSD hosts Michigan Philharmonic Oct. 25

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The concert will also feature performances from the Hickory Woods Elementary and Sarah Banks Middle School student choirs and the Walled Lake Western cast of *Shrek*.

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Candidates for council, mayor



The Nov. 5 election in the City of Novi will include two local races. **MAYOR:** Incumbent Rob Gatt will face Joseph Samona and Jason Dorsch for the two-year term.

CITY COUNCIL: Six candidates are vying for three four-year seats — incumbents Andrew Mutch and Justin Fischer and challengers Dennis O'Connor, Gwen Markham, Alexander Fera and Jonathan Montville.

Each candidate was emailed a form on Sept. 18 requesting answers to basic background information and 15 questions. The candidates' bios and answers to questions Nos. 1-4 were published in the Sept. 26 edition of the Novi News. Below are responses to questions 5-7, and their entire Q&As can be found online at www.novivotes.com.

Montville did not participate in the questionnaire, and did not reply to several emails and phone calls from the Novi News. He did, however, send an email to the newspaper, stating: "Unfortunately, for personal reasons, I have withdrawn from the City Council election."

Several months ago, Dorsch also sent an email to the Novi News, indicating that he wanted to remove himself from the race but that it was too late to take his name off the ballot. He did, however, complete the questionnaire but did not attend the candidates forum at Fox Run on Oct. 17.

Jason George
Wellington Dorsch
 5) Is crime in Novi a problem? If yes, what do you propose to remedy that?
 No, because I trust citizens and I know they will continue to provide

the same civil duties as always.

6) What is the most important issue facing the city of Novi during the next five years?
 Once again I would have to say that paying back the bonds in order to lower the city's debt would be the most important long term goal.

7) What is the role of the mayor or city council (which applies to your race) in day-to-day operations?
 The objective of the Mayor is to protect the citizens and to defend the city while providing a multitude other services.

Alexander M. Fera
 5) Is crime in Novi a problem? If yes, what do you propose to remedy that?
 Novi is a very safe city to live in, compared to surrounding communities. I applaud Chief Molloy and all of the Novi Police Department for a wonderful job in keeping our community safe.

6) What is the most important issue facing the city of Novi during the next five years?
 In order to keep Novi a great city we need to maintain a fiscally responsible government by staying within our means. We need to continue using the multi-year financial plan to

maintain this goal.

7) What is the role of the mayor or city council (which applies to your race) in day-to-day operations?
 City Council members are elected by the citizens of the community to represent the citizen's interest for the city and make sure the city goes in the direction that its residents want to. City Council members should be available to listen to concerns of residents and keep in contact with city staff to keep the city going in the right direction.

Justin Fischer
 5) Is crime in Novi a problem? If yes, what do you propose to remedy that?
 As a council member, I take crime very seriously. I take crime very seriously, and make sure public safety is a budget priority appropriately balanced against the resource needs of all the other vital city departments. Our Police Department does a fantastic job, and I do not consider crime to be a "problem" in Novi. I feel safe throughout our community at any time of the day. Many residents feel the same way as evidenced by our 2012 National Citizen Survey that showed that 96% of residents feel "very safe" or

"somewhat safe" from violent crime. No city will be completely crime free even if you had a police officer in every home, which is obviously not possible.

6) What is the most important issue facing the city of Novi during the next five years?
 When I was elected four years ago, we were facing some very tough times. I am proud to have been part of the team that led the City of Novi through the "Great Recession" without major financial disaster or gutting essential services. Over the next five years the issue facing the City of Novi will be pocket development. We had many years of growth on large parcels and we were able to grow according to our Master Plan with appropriate transitions between areas. As the amount of open land dwindles, people will look to develop smaller parcels and may look to deviate from our Master Plan. I believe in a philosophy of responsible growth.

7) What is the role of the mayor or city council (which applies to your race) in day-to-day operations?
 Per the City Charter, Novi utilizes a Council-manager form of government. Council is responsible for approving the

budget, adopting ordinances, and setting legislative policy. All day-to-day operations are the responsibility of the City Manager. City Council only has three employees, the City Manager, Clerk, and Assessor. If the City Council does not like how the City Manager is handling the day-to-day operations, then they should find a new City Manager. Council member must also realize that nothing can be accomplished unilaterally. Council members must work cooperatively with the Mayor, his/her colleagues on Council, and the City Manager.

Robert J. Gatt
 5) Is crime in Novi a problem? If yes, what do you propose to remedy that?
 The No. 1 duty of a government, any government, is to provide a safe environment in which to live and carry on daily activities. Novi has done that. Novi is a safe city. In fact, one of the safest cities in the State of Michigan. Crime is NOT a problem in Novi. In fact, according to the latest FBI statistics, not only is Novi a safe city, but it continues to get safer.

Burglary crimes decreased 5% over 2011, and the violent crime rate in Novi decreased by more than 20 percent. The Novi Police Department maintained a clearance rate of almost 39 percent of all part "A" crimes. That's nearly double the State average. As the Mayor of this city, and as a retired member of the Novi Police Department, I know that Novi has the finest police and fire departments in the State.

6) What is the most important issue facing the city of Novi during

the next five years?
 During the next five years, Novi will continue to grow towards a "build out." As that happens, developers will attempt to make use of the remaining parcels of land the best way that they can. City staff and elected officials will be tasked with reviewing rezoning requests and charged with a "thinking-out-of-the-box" mentality, while still protecting the rights of those who came before them.

And, even though Novi seems to have weathered the "great recession" better than many of our neighbors, and has rebounded quicker, property values still are much lower than they were five years ago. Thus, the City's revenue is still considerably lower than five years ago. City and elected officials will be charged with keeping a close eye on costs, including employee legacy costs, and spending cautiously as we move through these next five years.

7) What is the role of the mayor or city council (which applies to your race) in day-to-day operations?
 Per the Novi City Charter, the City Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer of the city. Thus, the City Manager directs and supervises the day to day operations at the City. Mayor and Council should NOT involve themselves in day to day operations.

Gwen Markham
 5) Is crime in Novi a problem? If yes, what do you propose to remedy that?
 Crime is not a serious problem in Novi. Most crimes happen near the malls. Our police are well trained and supportive of

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CANDIDATES

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the community. Our neighborhoods are safe and our roads are safe. Novi's crime rate has been declining for several years, consistent with the national crime rates which are also declining.

6) What is the most important issue facing the city of Novi during the next five years?
 Compared to many other cities, Novi is financially sound and does not face a financial crisis. Continued prudent fiscal management will assure that Novi can look ahead and plan for the future. I'd like to see us focus our efforts on creative redevelopment of the empty storefronts, partially developed sites, and underdeveloped industrial parks and small factories. Rehabilitation of new small business can bring jobs and economic diversity to our community.

7) What is the role of the mayor or city council (which applies to your race) in day-to-day operations?
 The most important role of the mayor and city council is to establish the budget, and fund the operations of the city. On a day-to-day basis they consult with city employees on a variety of subjects, from neighborhood issues to development proposals. They represent Novi on regional committees. An important part of the job is to be informed regarding local and regional issues affecting Novi's residents, such as transportation, water quality and management, and state issues related to local government.

Andrew Ian Mutch
 5) Is crime in Novi a problem? If yes, what do you propose to remedy that?
 Crime is a problem for everyone who is victimized by it, and no community is completely crime-

BALLOT PROPOSALS

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The November ballot will also include five proposals to revise the city's charter. Below is the exact language that voters will see on their ballots. For the Novi News' opinion on these proposals, please see page A14.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 1
 Statement of Purpose
 The City Charter currently uses, throughout its text, the words "he," "him," and "his" when referring to City officers, officials, and employees. The proposed amendment would revise the full text to refer to such individuals in gender neutral terms.
 Shall the Novi Charter be amended to restate the entire Charter in gender neutral terms?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 2
 Shall Section 15.2 of the Novi Charter, which currently requires publication of notices, ordinances, and proceedings to be either by newspaper publication or, alternatively, by posting in the office of the Clerk and five other places in the City if the form of publication is not prescribed by Charter or law, be amended to allow publication through one or more of the following: posting in a newspaper, posting on the City's website, or publishing by any other means or methods appropriate to properly inform the general public?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 3
 Shall Section 3.12 of the Novi Charter, relating to notices of election, Section 6.1, relating to Council meetings, Section 7.5, relating to publication of ordinances, Section 8.11, relating to emergency appropriations, Section 8.11, relating to annual audits, Section 9.15, relating to notification of the due date of taxes, and Section 14.1, relating to public utility franchises, be amended to delete references to publication being required by newspaper or posting in certain public places and to replace such language with the requirement that publication shall be "as required by law or this Charter"?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 4
 Shall the Novi Charter be amended to reorganize and restate the existing Section 4.6, which describes the City's administrative plan; to combine the provisions of Section 4.13, which establishes the Finance, Public Safety, and Public Service departments and authorizes the Council to create other departments, with the reorganized and restated Section 4.6 and delete Section 4.13 entirely; to provide in Section 4.6 for the establishment of administrative departments and offices by both Council and the City Manager; and to amend the current reference to Section 4.13 contained in Section 4.7 to a reference to Section 4.6?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 5
 Shall Section 8.10 of the Charter, which requires that all funds withdrawn from the City's treasury be drawn pursuant to the authority and appropriation of Council and upon "checks" signed by two officers of the City, be deleted?

free. But, fortunately, Novi is a very safe community with a well-managed, professional and proactive department of public safety and a citizenry that recognizes it has a role in crime prevention.

6) What is the most important issue facing the city of Novi during

committing to doing so, the city can for providing a high level of quality services for residents and businesses. The city also will be better able to plan for the investments necessary for effective long-term maintenance of city infrastructure and facilities.

7) What is the role of the mayor or city council (which applies to your race) in day-to-day operations?
 The role of the City Council is to establish policies, set priorities, and provide oversight designed to guide the City Manager and city staff as they carry-out the day-to-day operations of city government. Councilmembers also serve an important role directing residents to the appropriate city departments and ensuring that concerns are addressed adequately and in a timely manner.

Dennis Paul O'Connor, Jr.
 5) Is crime in Novi a problem? If yes, what do you propose to remedy that?
 NO. Crime statistics for 2012 were released by the FBI in September, and those numbers once again show that we live in a safe and secure community — and it continues to get safer.

Novi's award-winning public safety department, led by Director of Public Safety David Molloy, should be proud of all its hard work and achievements over the past couple of years.

Our community continues to grow. We feature large retail developments near accessible freeways. Yet, violent crimes are decreasing. Chief Molloy should be commended for his department's hard-working and data-driven approach to crime and traffic safety.

His department's relentless investigator follow-up and assessment of all crimes helps to ensure that Novi remains a safe environment for

our businesses, schools and families.

6) What is the most important issue facing the city of Novi during the next five years?
 1. Economic Development: The City needs to collaborate with neighboring school districts on all economic development opportunities. High-tech, research, engineering and medical industries should want to come to Novi because of its great location, and because our schools support businesses by offering great academic, skilled-trades and internship programs.

2. Shared Government Services: City and school officials need focus on protecting taxpayer dollars by working better together — to enhance existing programs and to eliminate duplicated government services and expenses. I've led the charge to STOP the waste. The "culture" for sharing government services is beginning to change — but we've got a long way to go.

3. More Recreation Fields: We need to develop a cooperative city/school district strategic plan for joint facility usage of school-district (community) owned property, so Novi residents get badly-needed baseball, soccer and softball fields, along with other field-sport programs, including cricket and lacrosse.

7) What is the role of the mayor or city council (which applies to your race) in day-to-day operations?
 The City Council is not (and should not be) involved in the day-to-day operations of the City. The City Council is a "policy making" body, which sets direction for City Administration. Its role is similar to a "Board of Directors" of a private-sector corporation. The City Council delegates the day-to-day operations of the city to the City Manager. The City Manager's role is similar to a Chief Exec-

utive Officer (CEO) of a private-sector corporation. The annual "goal setting" workshop on the first Saturday in January is a great way to see how these roles and responsibilities are executed. I've attended four of the last five goal-setting sessions.

Joseph Peter Samona
 5) Is crime in Novi a problem? If yes, what do you propose to remedy that?
 Crime is absolutely a crime in Novi. Chief Molloy, in an article, included a FBI chart saying violent crimes are down. Correct. However, as a councilmember said, and corrected me on, most violent crime can not be controlled by the Police such as murderers and what not. However, overall the crime for 2012 was up over 5% from 2011 when comparing apples to apples. I propose more police interaction with businesses. I plan on implementing DARE program with schools and working closely with the Police Chief and Courts to implement programs with the youth. Also, more community outreach would be greatly beneficial!

6) What is the most important issue facing the city of Novi during the next five years?
 No answer.

7) What is the role of the mayor or city council (which applies to your race) in day-to-day operations?
 My role would be to represent the City and to uphold the constitution and the rights of our citizens. Some may think that this is an extreme for a city such as Novi. I disagree. As the mayor my job would be to oversee the city in conjunction with the City Manager. I would be a spokesman for the City. I would represent the city to the best of my ability and in the best interest of the citizens and residents.



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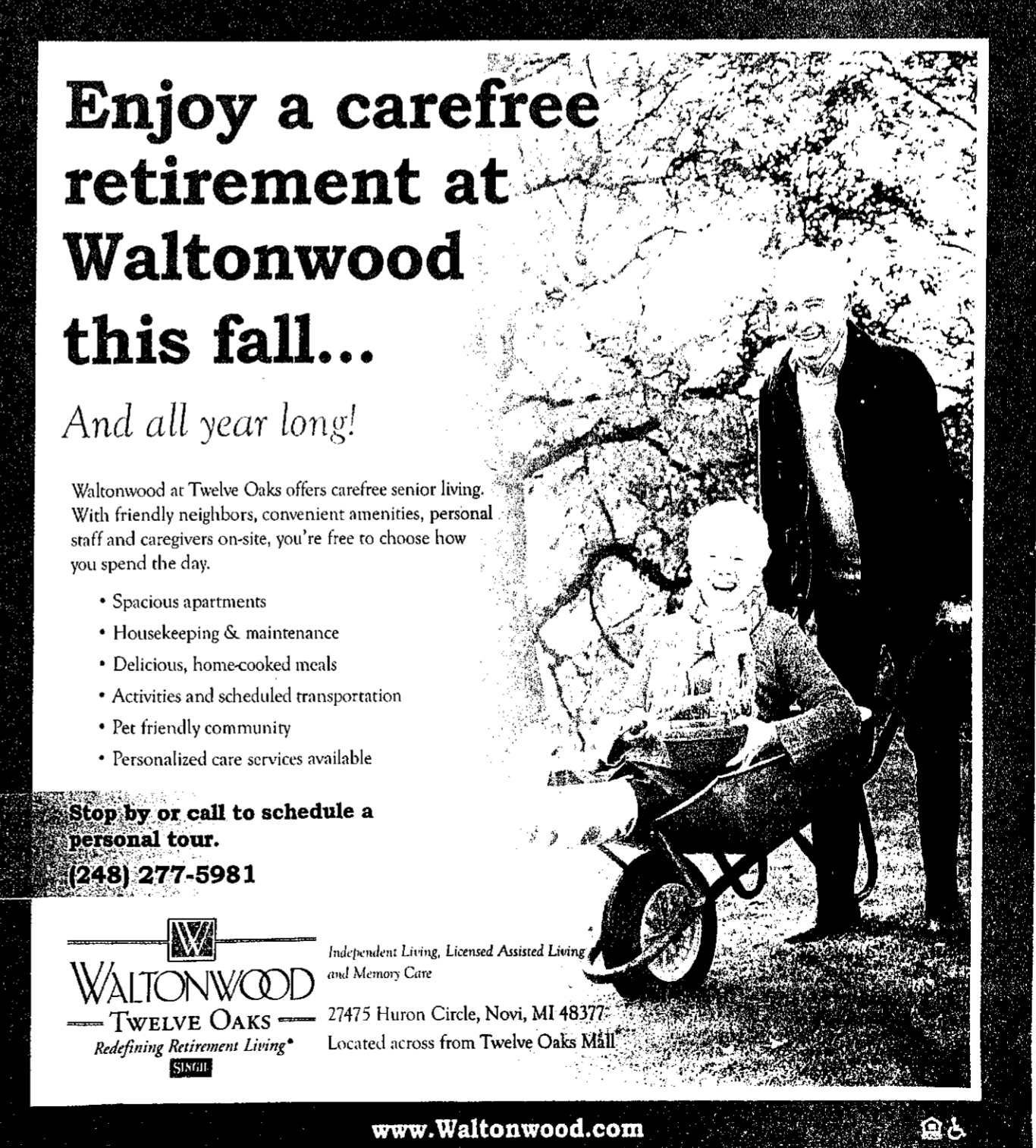
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Angela Hospice event volunteers show off a few of the items that will be up for bid at "A Night in Tuscany." They are (from left) Mary Ann Ralko and Sharon Conrad of Livonia, George Cumming of Redford, Colleen Bonner and Gwen Fedrigo of Livonia, Ann DeMucha of Dearborn Heights, Genevieve Wasko of Westland and Fran Fields and John Stern of Livonia.

'A Night in Tuscany' to benefit Angela Hospice

Angela Hospice's volunteers are putting the finishing touches on an event to support the caring programs of Angela Hospice. "A Night in Tuscany" will transport guests to a romantic place in time, where they will be treated to dinner and hors d'oeuvres, wine tastings and an open bar, silent auction, live music and more. The event takes place 6-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Laurel Man-

or in Livonia. "We want to invite everyone to attend this event," Events Coordinator Larry Kralowski said. "All of the money raised goes to support our programs - including pediatric hospice care and free grief support services - and it's going to be a great time for everyone who comes. I'm really excited about this event our committee has put together."

The Rick Lieder Band will perform with an Italian singer, while a pianist will serenade guests as they peruse the silent auction. Packages up for bid include a vacation in Italy; Red Wings tickets; a chocolate diamond pendant necklace; designer bags by Coach, Dooney and Bourke, Cinda B, and Vera Bradley; a Microsoft Surface tablet; and more. More

than 100 packages in all will entice bidders. Tickets are \$100 per person and are on sale until Friday, Oct. 24. For more information or to make reservations, call Kralowski at 734-953-6045.

Events focus on bomber plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

In October 1943, a meeting took place in Detroit at which the U.S. government and the American auto industry began organizing for war production. Seventy-three years later, the Yankee Air Museum is holding two events Saturday, Oct. 26, to explore the Motor City's role in World War II and the bomber plant where the B-24 Bomber was built.

The first event, a conference, will be held at the Yankee Air Museum on the grounds of the Willow Run Airport and will look at the Willow Run bomber plant in its larger historical context as a critically important part of the Arsenal of Democracy.

Speakers will include Charles Hyde of Wayne State University, author of *The American Automobile Industry in World War II*; Michael Davis, author of *Detroit's Wartime Industry: Arsenal of Democracy*; and the Yankee Air Museum's own Randy Hotten, one of the authors of *Willow Run: Birthplace of Rosie the Riveter*.

The program begins with a light lunch at 11:45 a.m. and will conclude by 2:45 p.m. The conference will conclude with a brief presentation on the fu-

ture of the Willow Run Bomber Plant site. "We're encouraging history buffs, teachers and historical preservationists to come to the 11:45 event," said Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation, which is working with the museum in securing a portion of the bomber plant for a permanent home for the Yankee Air Museum. "It's also for those people who are interested in the plant and want to come and look at it and see what's going to happen there."

Since April, the museum has been staging a Save The Bomber Plant campaign to raise \$8 million to purchase 175,000 square feet of the former Willow Run bomber plant from RACER, or Revitalizing Automotive Communities Environmental Response Trust. More than 8,600 B-24 liberator bombers were built at Willow Run during World War II.

The trust was created to dispose of properties left after GM's 2009 bankruptcy. RACER has had little interest in the 5-million-square-foot former GM Powertrain plant and plans to tear it down to open up 300 acres for development.

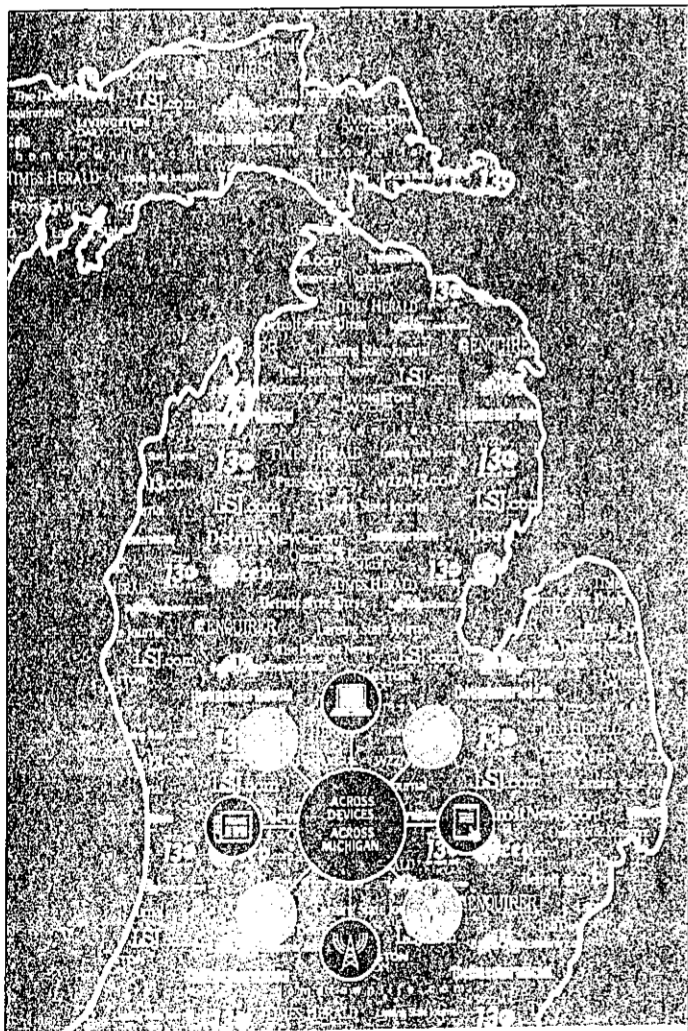
"In terms of the Save the Bomber Plant campaign, the purpose of the program is simple - it will make it clear why we

feel it so very important that a portion of the plant be preserved and also begin to show the community the kinds of important stories that a site in the plant can help us tell," Montgomery said.

The second event will be at 3 p.m. and take place in Bay 8 of the airport's Hangar 1 on Kirk Profit Drive at the east end of the airport. According to Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation, people will get a chance to see the area of the bomber plant the museum plans to purchase as well as help the "community understand what's going to happen."

"It will give the public a last look at the Bomber Plant as it has been and a first look at plans for the future of the site," he said. "People will be able to get close to the plant for sure and look inside. The big doors are open and people will be able to get a sense of the size."

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required by calling the museum at 734-483-4030. Montgomery added that there's still time to save a portion of the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant as a new home for the Yankee Air Museum. A donation of \$50 will save 1 square foot of the plant. Visit www.savethebomberplant.org to make a donation.



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CC's Zach Bock turned a missed field-goal attempt by Warren DeLaSalle into an end-to-end touchdown run as time ran out to give the Shamrocks their seventh win. PHOTOS BY SCOTT M. CONFER

Last-second heroics lift CC

Bock returns missed field goal for touchdown to lead Shamrocks

By Sam Eggleston
 Correspondent

Kicker Zach Bock missed two separate field-goal attempts against Warren DeLaSalle last week and he and his fellow Detroit Catholic Central teammates were sorely missing those six points as the last seconds of a tied game ticked off the clock.

But as Bock realized that DeLaSalle's last-second field goal was falling short, he decided to go out and get those six points back.

Bock caught the short kick - which would have been a 57-yard field goal had it gone through the uprights - with his heels on the goal line. The senior fielded the ball and then started running.

"From there, he took the outcome of the game into his own hands," CC assistant coach Michael Mach said.

Bock darted to his right and picked

ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will be back in action when it takes on Brother Rice in the CHSL championship game at 7 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field.



The Shamrocks took an early 7-0 lead when senior Mitch Katkic pulled in this 12-yard pass from quarterback Sean Birney.

Rockets top Novi with solid ground game

Spalding scores three TDs to help keep Glenn's playoff hopes alive

By Chris Jackett
 Correspondent

With both teams needing a victory to keep their playoff hopes alive, it was the home squad that got the win.

Behind three touchdowns on 250 rushing yards (21 attempts) from senior Devon Spalding, John Glenn (5-3, 3-2 KAAA South) defeated Novi (4-4, 3-2 Central) in a 39-26 slugfest Friday in Westland.

"Every week is a big performance by him," Glenn coach Tim Hardin said. "And we've got other guys who can carry the ball. They're all good with the ball under their arm. Devon is such a great leader and has such a great work ethic. All the good things that are happening to him, he deserves them."

Spalding broke free for touchdown runs of 40, 1 and 39 yards, with the 1-yard touchdown immediately following a 71-yard run he took up the left sideline. His efforts combined with three more touchdowns by the Rockets to pile up a lead the Wildcats couldn't erase.

"He didn't run for (491 yards), I guess," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said, referencing an Oct. 4 performance by Spalding against Livonia Churchill. "We



Novi junior quarterback Rohit Mogalayaipalli (center) makes a run for it. CHRIS JACKETT

told these guys we're here to play big-boy football. It's a cold night and there's a lot of banging going on. We have to get back to the drawing board. That kid's a big kid and we tackled too low."

Novi struck first with junior quarterback Rohit Mogalayaipalli (11-for-21, 219 yards, two touchdowns) connecting

ON TAP

Novi's football squad (4-4) hosts Saline (7-1) at 7 p.m. Friday in the regular-season finale. The Hornets, who are coming off a 35-10 victory over Ann Arbor Skyline, defeated Novi 42-7 on the road to wrap up last season. The Wildcats' long shot at making the MHSAA playoff field hinges on a big victory against Saline and some other choice results across the state.

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Wildcats golfers ninth in Division 1

Cojei and Henry set new single-season school records

By Chris Jackett
 Correspondent

On a tough course at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East in East Lansing, Novi's girls golf team finished ninth in Division 1 last weekend.

The Wildcats (7-1) saw a 16-stroke improvement from Friday to Saturday - from 381 to 365 - but it wasn't enough to catch up to the other Wildcats from the KAAA. Plymouth won the Division 1 state title with a team score of 766 after days of 358 and 348 were spearheaded by Sydney Murphy's 163, which was ninth overall. Grosse Pointe South's Lily Pender won the individual state title with a two-day score of 150.

Novi's two-day score of 746 was led by junior Katelyn Henry's 177 on days of 90 and 87. She finished 26th among the field of 89 golfers.

The other Wildcats scores leading to the ninth-place finish were senior Lauren Cojei's 183 (91-92), sophomore Maya Grandstaff's 194 (102-92), freshman Alexa Hatz's 194 (99-95) and junior Madison Kroetsch's 203 (100-103).

"Congrats to the girls for winning their regional to get them to states and for their improvement at the state tournament each day," Novi coach Debra Harris said.

The finish capped off an impressive season for the Wildcats, who saw several career lows as the team took second in the Central Division and third in the Kensington Conference.

Henry tied Natalie Krick's 2008 school record with a 42.43 nine-hole average, while notching a career low of 37. Her 18-hole average of 87.55 is sixth best in school history, including a low of 78 this season.

As the team's only senior, Cojei tied the school record for 18-hole performances with an 84, same as Megan Henry set in 2010. Cojei's nine-hole average of 42.75 is third in school history.

The successful season was a broader team effort beyond the two record holders.

Grandstaff's career low of 87 for 18 holes was 20 strokes better than her best score in 2012.

Similarly, Kroetsch notched career lows of 39 for nine holes and 83 for 18 holes, with the latter coming while finishing fifth at the KAAA meet as a 10-stroke improvement from last season's personal best.

As freshmen, Hatz and Lauren Henry also set new markers to challenge themselves during the next three promising years. Both had nine-hole bests of 46, while Hatz hit an 86 on an 18-hole course and Henry had a 91 on an 18-hole course.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.



Novi's Katelyn Henry helped the Wildcats finish ninth in Division 1 at the state meet. RUBY GRANDSTAFF

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Trio of seniors powers Novi volleyball team

No. 6 Wildcats ready for postseason push

By Chris Jackett

Although the KLAAs Central Division title was secured a week prior, Novi's volleyball team made a statement with its final division match of the season.

With a 25-12, 25-14, 25-18 victory over South Lyon (10-15, 2-8 Central) Oct. 15, the Wildcats (28-7) finished 10-0 in the Central Division for the fourth time in the past five years, giving themselves a shot at their first conference title since 2010 and a fourth straight association title.

Ranked No. 6 in Class A, the Wildcats were led by the senior trio of outside hitter Isabelle Glancy (10 kills, 12 digs), middle hitter Brooke Laney (nine kills, three blocks) and setter Emily Robb (24 assists).

"Every coach worries about senior night because there is such a high level of emotion," Novi coach Jen Cottrell said. "I thought our seniors and



Novi's Emily Robb (left) sets a ball for Brooke Laney during the Wildcats' victory over South Lyon.

team did an absolutely amazing job of enjoying senior night, but then focusing on a dangerous South Lyon team. We played with a natural chemistry and ease that was a lot of fun to watch. "I just can't say enough about our three seniors and their contribution to the Novi volleyball program and, more specifically, the 2013 varsity team. We are excited to see how far they can lead us."

Glancy, Laney and Robb have provided the

Wildcats a formidable trio for years. With the KLAAs playoffs and state tourney on the horizon, the career numbers for the three girls are already astounding. Bound for Valparaiso University's team next year, Glancy has tallied 786 kills on 1,488 attempts, 129 aces, 166 blocks and 1,232 digs. Laney has tallied 462 kills on 1,009 attack attempts to accompany 180 blocks, while Robb has picked up 218 kills, 128 blocks, 664 digs and an

ON TAP

Ranked No. 6 in Class A, the Wildcats volleyball squad (28-7, 10-0 KLAAs Central) was set to visit Canton (22-6-2, 9-1 South) for the KLAAs Kentsington Conference title before going after the KLAAs title Saturday in Brighton.

amazing 3,091 assists over the past three years. "These three seniors have shown the highest level of commitment and dedication to the Novi volleyball program," Cottrell said. "In their tenure in the Wildcat volleyball program, the team has posted an impressive 149-31 record, won two KLAAs Central Division championships, three straight KLAAs association championships and a district championship. There is no doubt that these three seniors have left their mark on this program, as well as laid the path for the future Wildcats to come. They will be impossible to replace on the court and in our hearts."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High sports for the Novi News.



Novi's Isabelle Glancy (center) goes up for a kill as fellow seniors Brooke Laney (left) and Emily Robb look on.

NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP

Varsity completes perfect regular season

The Novi varsity Bobcats (8-0) ran up against a very determined Commerce Chargers (1-7) team, who took them to the brink before the Bobcats prevailed in overtime, 13-6, to complete a first-ever undefeated regular season.

The Chargers capitalized first, scoring near the end of the first quarter to hold a 6-0 lead at the half. In the third quarter, the Bobcats finally put together a scoring drive of their own, powering the ball in from the 2-yard line on a touchdown run by Brennan Smith behind the blocking of Tyler Yankirk, Matt Williams, Blake King, Jordan Castleberry and Johnny Bean. When the PAT failed, the teams remained locked in a 6-6 tie through the end of regulation, as the Bobcats' defense, led by Austin Turner, Chad Howell and Nick Wil-

ON TAP

All three Bobcats teams qualified for the playoffs this year and will play at sites and dates and times next weekend to be determined at a league meeting. Please check the Bobcats website for details at www.novibobcats.com.

liams, held the Chargers in check throughout the second half.

With the victory, the Bobcats are assured the top seed in the playoffs and will face the Northville Colts (6-2) in the first round. The winner of that game will advance to the League's Super Bowl at Eastern Michigan University.

JV wins close one over Commerce

The JV Bobcats (7-1) clawed their way to a 19-14 victory over the Commerce Chargers (6-2) in a hard-fought battle between teams who were tied going into the game. The Bobcats got on the board first

when Ashton Smith charged up the middle 52 yards for a touchdown. The Chargers responded quickly with a touchdown of their own and following a successful PAT took the lead, 7-6. With the win, the JV Bobcats are assured of a second seed in the playoffs and will replay the Chargers in next weekend's playoff game.

—By Chris Parenti

Bobcats freshmen secure playoff position

On Sunday, the freshman Bobcats closed the regular season by defeating the Commerce Chargers, 40-12. With the victory, the Bobcats secured a No. 2 seed in the playoffs. Bobcats touchdowns were scored by Dominic Senatore, Kyle Dowd and Ethan Cooper. Extra points were recorded by Bacari Scott.

—By Andrew Giddings

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lonergan leads lady harriers

Novi's girls harriers (2-3) ran to a tie for sixth out of 12 KLAAs Kensington Conference teams Oct. 17 at Huron Meadows. Behind a ninth-place performance by junior Hannah Lonergan in 19 minutes, 8 seconds, the Wildcats tied Livonia Stevenson with 159 points. A state title favorite next week, Northville won the conference meet with 18 points, followed by Plymouth Salem with 58 and Canton with 100. Along with

Lonergan, Novi's points came from freshman Hadley Peterson (24th in 20:16), freshman Jacalyn Schurbing (34th in 20:29), freshman Jessica Lyпка (43rd) and senior Karissa Koomen (49th in 20:53). The girls' next head to head regional game is Saturday at Huron Meadows Meeting. Looking to advance to the Division I state meet Nov. 2 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

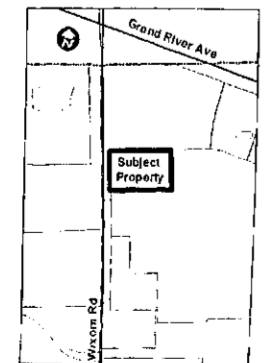
Novi field hockey goes for state title
Ranked No. 4 in the state, Novi's field hockey

team sets its sights on the Division I title next week. On Tuesday, the Cats will host the winner of No. 5 Ann Arbor Greenhills and No. 12 Saline. From there, the winner will head to Saline for an Oct. 31 state semifinal against No. 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer, No. 8 Farmington Hills Mercy or No. 9 Livonia Ladywood. The state championship will be Nov. 2 at Saline. Games times were not yet posted as of press time.

—By Chris Jackett

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7:00PM in the Novi Civic Center, 46175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider VARSITY LINCOLN DISPLAY LOT, SITE PLAN NUMBER 13-47, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL. The subject property totals 1.57 acres and is located in Section 17, southeast corner of Wascom Road and Grand River Avenue. The applicant is proposing to construct a roughly 49,100 square foot vehicle display lot on Outlot 1 of the larger Novi Promenade development. Plans are available for review at the civic center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary
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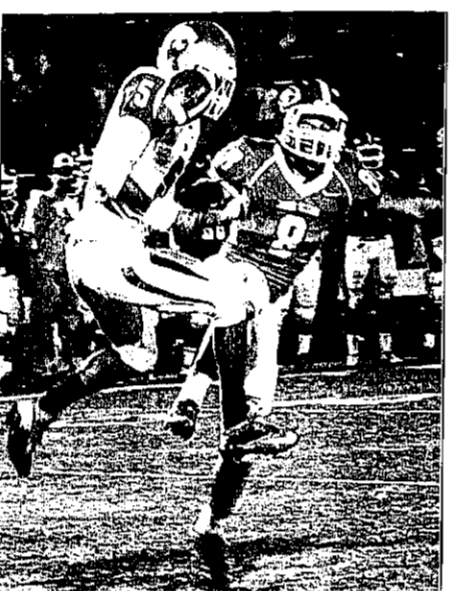
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with sophomore running back Emmanuel Jackson (115 yards on five catches, 66 yards on 12 runs) for a 35-yard touchdown. In one game, Jackson had more than double the number of receiving yards than any other Wildcats player through the first seven games (49 yards or fewer). The Wildcats had a combined 284 passing yards through the first seven games.

"Rohit threw the ball really well, so we just kept at it," Burnside said. "All year we've been trying to get him the ball in open space. Jackson's come on and done good things. We're trying to find (him) the ball." However, a real line fumble by the Wildcats led to a touchdown recovery by Glenn junior Le-Jon Crawford, followed by two Spalding touchdowns before Novi senior Mark Ryan (38 yards on 10 runs) punched in the end zone on a fourth-and-11 at Glenn's 44-yard line, bobbled the ball, spun off his defender and carried it in for a touchdown to make it 39-26 with 4:14 remaining.

traded rushing touchdowns for their respective team to give Glenn a 39-20 lead before Jackson caught a pass in traffic about 25 yards from the end zone on a fourth-and-11 at Glenn's 44-yard line, bobbled the ball, spun off his defender and carried it in for a touchdown to make it 39-26 with 4:14 remaining.

The Wildcats recovered an onside kick, but ended up turning the ball over on downs, allowing the Rockets to run out the clock and give them a six seconds into the quarter to take a 32-14 lead. Ryan and Spalding



Novi sophomore Emmanuel Jackson (left) reels in a pass as Rockets junior Jeremie Martin provides coverage.

collins led Catholic Central with 11 tackles, while Van Acker had two interceptions and six tackles. Senior Connor Holton gained 60 yards on 16 rushing attempts for the offense. Bock may have missed two field goals, but he finished with 53 yards on 13 rushing attempts, not including his return on DeLaSalle's missed kick. "I think it's fair to say Bock more than redeemed himself at the end," Mach said.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.

SHAMROCKS

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lifetime," Mach said. "We challenge our players to play every minute of those 48 with maximum effort. Our team did that tonight, all the way to that last play, ending with Zach's incredible effort. All the credit in the world to our kids, all of them, for the way they competed tonight." The Shamrocks are now 7-1 overall and 3-1 in the CHSL and will play for the league championship at 7 p.m. Saturday, when they take on Brother Rice in a rematch of a game that ended when

Cornerback Danny

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 13-44.11

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 13-44.11 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 7, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, TO ADOPT THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, AND AMENDMENTS TO THAT CODE AS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 14, 2013 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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What do you buy online? You'd be surprised

Researching high-cost items such as houses, apartments and cars is nothing new. Comparing prices on TVs, cell phone plans and computers is the new first step in today's buying process. But did you ever think you would buy something as small as a single dinner or groceries online?



Jon Gunnella
TECH
SAVVY

For years, consumers could order a pizza from the comfort of home and, more recently, from the comfort of their mobile phone. Our society has become so connected that we can now order every day items like Monday, cheese puffs and Charmin online and have them delivered to our door.

Seattle and Los Angeles

les residents can now buy staples, food and even DVDs through a new offering called Amazon Fresh. The service is available to residents who have Amazon Prime memberships (includes free Amazon shipping and streaming video, similar to Netflix). For an extra \$299 per year, these Amazon Prime members can have groceries or the latest Tyler Perry flick without leaving home. At first, the price sounds steep, but for those who take weekly trips to Meijer or

Kroger, that's 52 less drives to the store. That's 52 fewer times fighting the slow pokes in the cereal aisle and 52 less chances of door dings. It also saves about an hour 52 times per year. Amazon is not the only company capitalizing on online food ordering and delivery. While a bit different, Omaha Steaks and Schwann's get a majority of their business from the Internet. Need food for a party? You can search for foods online, input your credit card order and have gourmet items without calling a caterer.

More innovative companies even have daily meals that can be ordered and mailed to your home. Plated (www.plated.com) creates weekly, chef-created menus that members can order.

Weekly menus contain upward of four meals like grilled pork, steak tacos, potato-crust pollock and barbecue chicken burgers and zucchini fries. Meals cost \$10 each. Buy enough of them and you can get shipping for free. Plated delivers to the midwest (including metro Detroit) and the northeast.

The membership plan at Plated is rather secretive, but users are allowed to cancel at any time or opt to not receive meals. I tried Plated for free in July and was pleased with the ease and the overall quality of food. However, if I had to pay or remain a member,

I'd be singing a different tune. Still, for \$10 a meal, you can order dinner a week in advance online and cook them in less than 30 minutes.

For those who have less expensive dinner tastes, there's a more "Seamless" option. There's actually an app called Seamless that lets folks order food from their favorite restaurants and have it delivered (even during late night).

Seamless is a hit in big cities such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Unfortunately, Seamless isn't available in Detroit - but that could change. Seamless has already partnered with more than 12,000 places, so eaters can order delivery or even pick up their own

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Jon Gunnella is a freelance writer and social media columnist. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email jonathan.gunnella@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter at @GunnShdw.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Cooper Standard appoints Villaire

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., a global supplier of automotive sealing, fuel and brake, and fluid transfer systems, announced the appointment of Iwona Niec Villaire to deputy general counsel and director of global legal compliance, effective Sept. 30.



Villaire

She will report to Timothy W. Heffron, senior vice president and general counsel and secretary for Cooper Standard, and will be based at the company's headquarters in Novi. In her new position, Villaire will maintain responsibility for a broad range of legal matters, including securities law compliance, financing, corporate governance matters, mergers/acquisitions, real estate transactions and oversight of the company's legal affairs in Europe. In addition, she will join Cooper Standard's Corporate Responsibility Committee and coordinate the activities of the company and committee in ensuring continued compliance with Cooper Standard's code of business conduct and ethics, and related policies and applicable laws on a global basis.

"Iwona brings a level of experience and expertise to this position that makes her an essential part of our legal team, as well as an important addition to our Corporate Responsibility Committee," Heffron said. Villaire joined Cooper Standard in September 2007 as associate general counsel. Previously, she served as senior counsel with Federal-Mogul Corp., where she was responsible for corporate governance, securities, international transactions, restructuring and employment law. Prior to this, she was an associate attorney at Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss in

What's cookin'



Chef Marty Wallner fries up some cured meats for sampling Oct. 15 at the annual Michigan Restaurant Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The show, which ran two days and featured hundreds of vendors, had everything from kitchen utensils and ovens to fire suppression equipment and computer equipment for booking tables.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Kroger 'Kids Night Out'

All Michigan Kroger stores will host "Kids Night Out" 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29. The event, open to children of all ages, will have contests, games and more, all free of charge. Parents will also be able to shop for Halloween candy and decorations.

"Kids Night Out" provides a safe alternative for children to enjoy Halloween and all the treats, fun and games that come with this time of year," said Jayne Homco, president, "The Kroger Co. of Michigan. "Kroger has done this event for the past few years and has become very popular in the communities we serve, and we hope to pack even more fun into this year's Halloween bash."

Kroger associates will dress in their favorite Halloween costumes and each store department will have Halloween decorations. Families are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Local stores include 47650 Grand River in Novi, 17447 Haggerty in Northville and 44525 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

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Critical Signal Technologies will host a grand opening gala at 3:15 p.m. Oct. 24 at its new headquarters at 27475 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. The new headquarters will accommodate CST's growth over the past six years and celebrate the company's contribution to the advancement of the health care industry. The CST grand opening gala will allow guests to tour the facility and catch a behind-the-scenes look at the customer care center.

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Plymouth's McCann tapped as state Realtor of the Year

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

The Michigan Association of Realtors has named Gordon McCann the 2013 Realtor of the Year. McCann is an associate broker at Coldwell Banker Weir-Mannell of Plymouth.

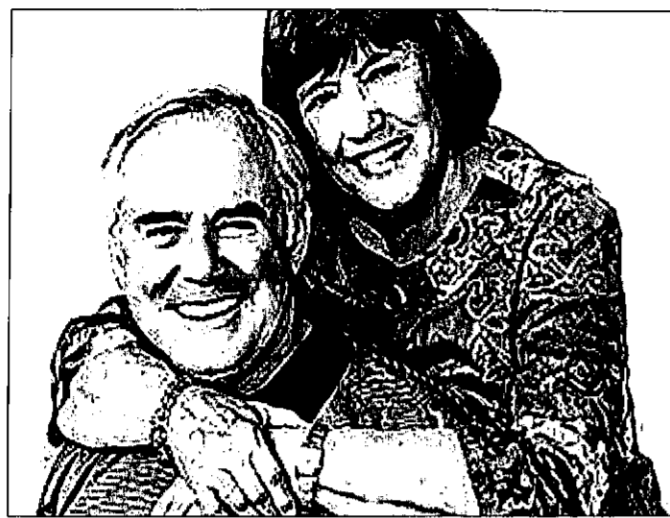
The Realtor of the Year award is the highest award bestowed upon a member of the association. It is given for outstanding achievements in sales, service and community involvement. McCann has been a member of the association since 1997 and has been a past president of the association. "I'm really honored to be chosen to receive the award," said Plymouth Township resident McCann. He noted the 40 winners from the local associations.

"We're very big advocates for property rights and homeownership. We're just dedicated Realtors," McCann said. "It's just a very humbling and rewarding honor to receive."

The award was presented Sept. 25 during the annual MAR Expo and Convention at the Seating Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant.

McCann is a veteran Realtor and has served Michigan's real estate industry in numerous elected and appointed positions. He was a director, treasurer, president-elect and president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, as well as numerous committees. McCann was also instrumental in the formation of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors by merging that association with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors.

In addition, McCann was a National Association of Realtors director from 2007 to the present and a director in the Michigan Association of Realtors from 2009-12. He has been on committees in both organizations over the years.



Gordon and Sharon McCann of Plymouth Township enjoy their work together in real estate. He's this year's Realtor of the Year for the Michigan Association of Realtors.

McCann works at Coldwell Banker with wife Sharon, a Realtor, and is father of two grown children. "She's been doing it for 35 years," he said of Sharon's years in the field.

"I have had the good fortune of working with Gordon since September of 2005. I can attest to the countless hours that he has dedicated to our industry. Gordon's commitment to excellence and his passion to our industry are admirable," said Sharon Riley, managing broker at the Plymouth office of Coldwell Banker Weir-Mannell, in a statement.

McCann is in his 19th year selling real estate after being involved with sales and marketing in the health care industry for 26 years. McCann holds a

B.S. in marketing from Ferris State University and an M.B.A. in marketing from Michigan State University's Edith Broad School of Management. He continues to sell real estate in the Plymouth area and enjoys golfing and competitive time-trials in his Corvette.

"I'm down to the lonely one," he said of his 2000 Corvette, currently his only classic car. "I used to own several before."

He and colleagues have seen the Plymouth-Canton-Northville market coming back gradually. "We all anticipate that next year will be better yet," McCann said of recent years improving.

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Structural problem serious issue

Q: I have a serious structural problem with my unit and the association under the documents is responsible for taking care of it. The board says they don't have the money and has failed to make the repairs. They tell me that I should do it and be appreciative of the fact that I am a member of the association; what do you think? The developer has been gone for over 12 years.



Robert Meisner

A: I think that the board members have breached their fiduciary duty by failing to promptly repair structural problems particularly those that cause unit damage. The board might claim that they are exercising "business judgment," but in fact, they are not exercising due care, they cannot use the business judgment rule as a shield for their conduct. In a recent case out of Illinois, the appellate court did find that the Board of Directors had breached their fiduciary duty by failing to timely take care of structural defects.

Q: I live in a beautiful subdivision of detached condos, but in a recent notice of the upcoming meeting, we were informed that the board has decided to because a few of the exterior light fixtures on some of our neighbor's houses are peeling, they want to replace all the fixtures at each homeowner's expense. A vote will be taken on the matter at the annual meeting. What do you think?

A: It all depends upon your documents. Presumably, the board can make this modification if the documents allow and pass the costs onto the individual co-owners. On the other hand, it depends upon whether the documents require a vote of the co-owners and sometimes associations request a vote even if it is not required by the documents, which may or may not be a good idea. Get your neighbors together and retain an attorney to check your rights.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Operating Guide to Buying, Selling, and Owning a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit rmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email jane.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations. RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5494.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Georgia@addvaluealr.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

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HOMES RENTALS advertisement for HomeFinder.com, listing various rental properties and services.

Advertisement for HOWELL QUAIL CREEK APTS, featuring a photo of the property and contact information.

Advertisement for PERSONALS, offering various personal services and dating opportunities.

Advertisement for BUY & SELL SERVICES, providing a platform for buying and selling goods.

Advertisement for Floor Service, offering floor cleaning and maintenance.

Advertisement for Auction Sales, listing various items for auction.

Advertisement for ESTATE AUCTION, offering real estate and personal property for sale.

Advertisement for Rummage Sales & Flea Markets, listing various items for sale.

Advertisement for JAMES ESTATE SALES, offering real estate services.

Advertisement for FINE BARN, GARAGES, offering various services for barns and garages.

Advertisement for SNOW PLOWING, offering snow removal services.

Advertisement for Announcements & Birthdays, offering personalized services.

Advertisement for BEST SELF STORAGE, offering secure storage solutions.

Advertisement for Health Insurance & Weight Loss, offering health and wellness services.

Advertisement for MEDICAL MARITALIA CARD, offering wedding services.

Advertisement for HORSE MANIA, offering horse-related services.

Advertisement for BRY DENNISTERS LLC, offering dental services.

Advertisement for MULTI-MEDIA SALES CONSULTANTS NEEDED, offering marketing opportunities.

Advertisement for ROCK FOLD MASONRY & CONCRETE, offering construction services.

Advertisement for GERM TITE INSTALLERS, offering pest control services.

Advertisement for Bargain Bays, offering various items for sale.

Advertisement for Mixed Hardwood, offering various wood products.

Advertisement for Lawn & Garden Materials, offering landscaping supplies.

Advertisement for Musical Instruments, offering various instruments for sale.

Advertisement for Windows (2W/FRAMES), offering window services.

Advertisement for Pet Supplies/Services, offering various pet-related products.

Advertisement for MINIATURE FIG LARSAURUS, offering collectible figures.

Advertisement for It's all about results!, offering various services.

Advertisement for Pets, offering various pet-related services.

Advertisement for Dogs, offering various dog-related services.

Advertisement for Thumbs Up!, offering various services.

Advertisement for It's all about results!, offering various services.

Advertisement for WASHERS & DRYERS, offering appliance services.

Advertisement for PRESS ARGUMENT, offering printing services.

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Large advertisement for Thumbs Up! featuring a photo of a man and the slogan 'Whatever you're after, you'll find it in the Classifieds.'

Crossword Puzzle Stealing Hearts

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for words like 'Spongy ball brand', 'Her love on a petting', and 'Largest city in Michigan'.

Word search puzzle with words like APPLES, OCTA, SPURT, MAIS, and others hidden in a grid.

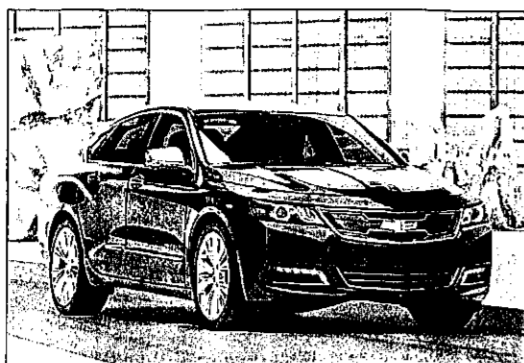
Car Report

CNG Power Will Only Add to Chevy Impala's New Allure



By Dale Buss

It's time for a new kind of "hybrid" to take to the American roads, one that leverages the realities of the green-power marketplace rather than tries to buck them. That's why General Motors is betting big on a new "bi-fuel," natural-gas-powered Chevrolet Impala that it plans to whisk to market by next summer.



The new Chevrolet Impala is turning heads in full-size sedan segment.

A potential game-changer that will help GM, the auto industry, and the American consumer take proper advantage of burgeoning domestic supplies and falling prices of natural gas with a high-mileage, clean-burning fuel that would allow Impala drivers to go up to 500 miles on a single stock-up of fuel.

"We know that U.S. energy security won't come from a one-off moonshot," Akerson said. "It will flow from our systematic investment in technology and innovation, our drive to get more from existing energy sources and renewables, our commitment to conservation -- and it will be assured by fully and safely exploiting our shale gas reserves."

Not only that, but the key innovation behind the high-mileage, cleaner-burning Chevy Impala CNG vehicle promises to make it commercially appealing from the get-go. There already are natural-gas powered Honda Civics, sales of which have been steadily rising. And Ford has begun offering a CNG version of its popular F-150 pickup truck.

range up to several thousand dollars. Akerson told reporters, according to Automotive News, that GM's cost premium for the bi-fuel Impala will be "a couple thousand dollars, at least." But however that is manifested in pricing of the car when it debuts next summer will be quickly offset by the fact that CNG prices now are the equivalent of \$1.50 to \$2.50 a gallon.

Some argue that the real revolution being wrought by plentiful American-sourced hydrocarbons will be in keeping the price of gasoline low enough that it will persist as the US fuel of choice for generations, undercutting any kind of long-term significance for CNG.

In any event, Akerson clearly is looking to steal a march on competitors with the bi-fuel Impala. At a green conference a few months ago, where he was discussing GM's overall sustainability strategy, he took pains to note the possibilities presented to the auto industry by cheap and plentiful American natural gas.

"We have this moment," he said, "and it has to be grasped." Perhaps by grasping the steering wheel of a 2015 bi-fuel Chevrolet Impala.



GM CEO Dan Akerson personally announced new CNG-powered Impala.

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Biggest Interview Blunders

Robert Half Interview CareerBuilder.com Editor

The interview is the most critical point in the job search process. While you might look great on paper, the real test starts when you get in front of a hiring manager. You've got the skills, now you need to prove that you'll be a good fit with your future co-workers and company.

It doesn't give you license to wear your bathing suit and flip flops. And seriously guys, the flashy meditation on a bed of chest hair will not impress anyone.

I'm With the Band

Unless you're in need of a seeing eye dog, you shouldn't bring an animal or another person with you to an interview. It seems like common sense. Nevertheless, many a job seeker has brought a companion along on the interview including a child, spouse, friend, pet and even the entire family.

Have You Tried Hypnosis?

They might be normal to you, but to others, some personal quirks are downright frightening. Those things you do in the privacy of your own home are not meant to come out into the world.



Truth is Stranger Than Fiction

Intoxicating Ways

Some things are strictly taboo at work, and you should behave in an interview like you would on the job. Alcohol impairs your judgment, as do drugs (not to mention they're against the law).

And then there are the incidents that are just plain bizarre, perhaps provoked by ambition, a desire to impress, or anxiety.

One candidate constructed a shoebox diorama of himself on the job. Another did a Ben Stiller imitation. One job seeker offered a sexual favor to the interviewer. Still another knitted during the entire interview. And another barked at the hiring manager.

Kate Lorenz is the article and advice editor for CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

WHEELS

197 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER, 1910 FORD F-150 SUPER CREW 4X4, 13 LAND ROVER EQUINE PURE PREMIUM 4X4

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REAL ESTATE SALES OPPORTUNITY, SOCIAL WORKER, NURSING AIDE/ MEDICAL ASSISTANT, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

INSIDE HOME STORAGE, MOTORCYCLES/MINI BIKES, SUZUKI, HONDA, YAMAHA

11 FORD F150 PLATINUM CREW 4X4, 11 FORD F250 LARIAT CREW 4X4, 12 FORD EXPEDITION

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Open Houses

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OPEN 1-3 | 1590 W. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor - Soaring ceilings, hardwoods, open floor plan, granite kitchen with appliances! \$134,900
Marge Bass 734-904-6195



OPEN 1-4 | 2427 Thomas Ave., Berkeley - Charmet, walk to downtown Berkeley and Catapa Oaks Park. Well maintained, many updates! \$134,900
Sandra Daw 248-410-0300



OPEN 1-4 | 1410 Yorkshire Rd., Birmingham - Stately Colonial 1st floor Master BR addition. Over 2,200 sq. ft. Hardwood floors. \$449,000
Patrick Carolan 248-342-7653



OPEN 1-4 | 2647 Dorchester Rd., Birmingham - Beautifully updated 3 bedroom brick ranch, finished basement. Like a Dream! \$229,000
Patrick Carolan 248-342-7653



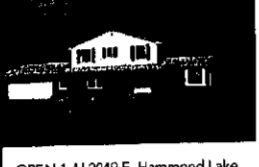
OPEN 1-4 | 4669 Ravine Dr., Bloomfield - A showpiece in & out! Ideally located. Stunning views of the ravine. Generous living spaces. \$1,099,000 Hosted by Carol Lee Markley 248-505-9591



OPEN 12-3 | 1666 Hamilton Dr., Bloomfield - Beautiful private all sports Square Lake offers year-round fun & enjoyment. \$775,000
Steve Cole 248-914-0008



OPEN 1-4 | 4760 Tullamoss Dr., Bloomfield - Wonderful sprawling ranch. Charming thru-out. Spacious kitchen w/breaking nook. \$369,900
Lisa Masters 248-212-4231



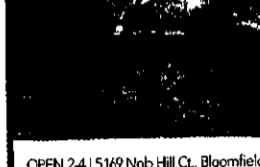
OPEN 1-4 | 2049 E. Hammond Lake Dr., Bloomfield - Move right in! On secluded lot (framed by 2 wood lots). Enjoy Hammond Lake. \$269,900
Stephen Williams 313-613-4176



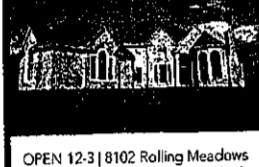
OPEN 2-4 | 1465 Clarendon Rd., Bloomfield - Stunning original design by Michael Wiloughby on private Chalmers Lake. \$1,595,000
Mary Frances McCaleb & Brad Waddling 248-760-4807



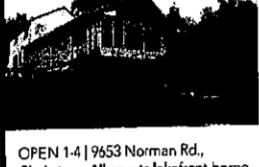
OPEN 1-4 | 3746 Darlington Rd., Bloomfield - Expansive floor plan w/dark hardwood floors, updated kitchen & 1st floor office. \$825,000
Janine Toudalan 248-563-2095



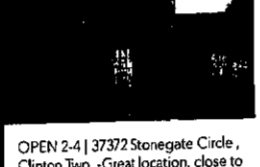
OPEN 2-4 | 5169 Nob Hill Ct., Bloomfield Hills - Not just another Colonial! California style, multi-level new home, fresh paint & excel! \$499,000
Lorraine Yalman 248-425-7426



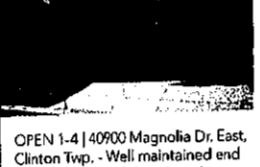
OPEN 12-3 | 8102 Rolling Meadows Dr., Canton - Exquisite custom built exclusive Rolling Meadows Sub. Regal details thru-out. \$799,000
Chris Patrick 734-546-9978



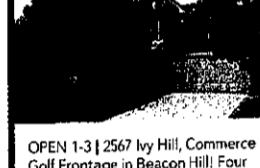
OPEN 1-4 | 1953 Norman Rd., Clarkston - All-sports lakefront home. Open floor plan, attached garage, walk-out lower level. \$400,000
Donna Bousson 248-515-1843



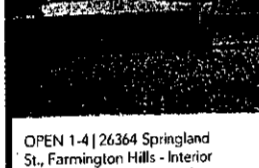
OPEN 2-4 | 3737 Stonegate Circle, Clinton Twp. - Great location, close to everything. Townhouse style condo, private entry. \$89,900
David Felkin 313-350-9261



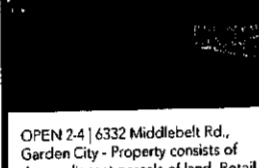
OPEN 1-4 | 4090 Magnolia Dr. East, Clinton Twp. - Well maintained end unit. 2BR/2BA, 1st floor laundry. Open w/door wall to deck. \$125,000
James Hedrick 586-242-6466



OPEN 1-3 | 2567 Ivy Hill, Commerce Golf Frontage in Beacon Hill - Four spacious BR's/2.5BA, all with Granite, Brazilian Cherry Floors. \$289,900
Susan Wojtaszek 248-249-2470



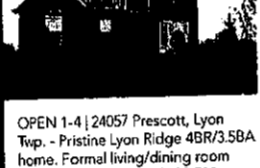
OPEN 1-4 | 26364 Springland St., Farmington Hills - Interior decorator's home. Complete remodel in 2013! \$194,900
Michelle Jarratt 313-673-5806



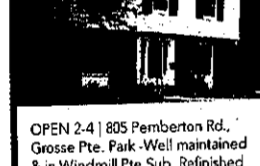
OPEN 2-4 | 6332 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City - Property consists of three adjacent parcels of land. Retail space, office, warehouse. \$840,000
Norm Lussier 313-506-9280



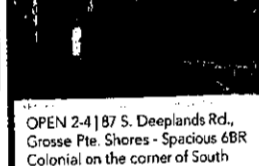
OPEN 1-4 | 2621 Spring Grove Dr., Genoa - Perfect home for the discerning few. Must appreciate quality workmanship. \$649,000
Dawn Mueller 313-610-2085



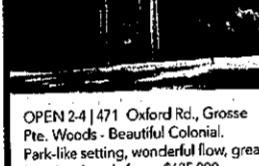
OPEN 1-4 | 24057 Prescott, Lyon Twp. - Pristine Lyon Ridge 4BR/3.5BA home. Formal living/dining room. Cherry island kitchen. \$392,500
Nancy Downey 734-673-7556



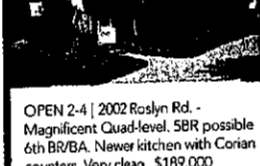
OPEN 2-4 | 885 Pemberton Rd., Grosse Pte. Park - Well maintained & in Windmill The Sub. Refinished hardwoods and fresh paint. \$318,900
Rita Tucker 586-489-8264



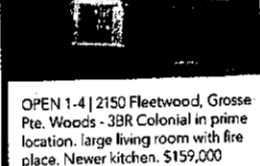
OPEN 2-4 | 87 S. Deeplands Rd., Grosse Pte. Shores - Spacious 6BR Colonial on the corner of South Deeplands and Ballantyne. \$499,900
Joe Rich 313-550-6800



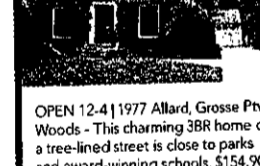
OPEN 2-4 | 471 Oxford Rd., Grosse Pte. Woods - Beautiful Colonial. Park-like setting, wonderful flow, great location. Lovely foyer. \$635,000
Pat Bargnes 313-622-4077



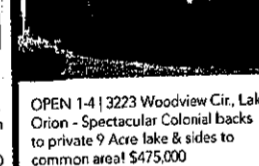
**OPEN 2-4 | 2002 Roslyn Rd., Magnificent Quad-Level. SBR possible 6th BR/BA. Newer kitchen with Corian counters. Very clean. \$199,000
Jim Addison 313-682-2152**



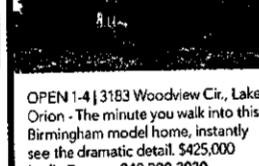
OPEN 1-4 | 2150 Fleetwood, Grosse Pte. Woods - 3BR Colonial in prime location, large living room with fire place. Newer kitchen. \$159,000
Kay Rinke 313-701-2729



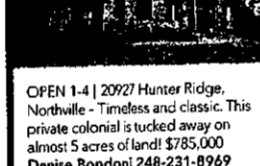
OPEN 12-4 | 1977 Allard, Grosse Pte. Woods - This charming 3BR home on a tree-lined street is close to parks and award-winning schools. \$154,900
Scott Jesig 586-354-8510



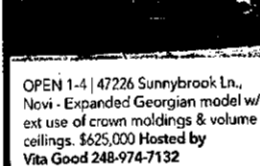
OPEN 1-4 | 2223 Woodview Cir., Lake Orion - Spectacular Colonial backs into private 9 Acre lake & sides to common area! \$475,000
Leslie Doran 248-390-3930



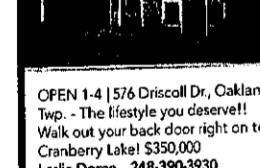
OPEN 1-4 | 3183 Woodview Cir., Lake Orion - The minute you walk into this Birmingham model home, instantly see the dramatic detail. \$425,000
Leslie Doran 248-390-3930



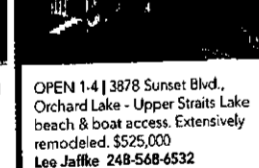
OPEN 1-4 | 2027 Hunter Ridge, Northville - Timeless and classic. This private colonial is tucked away on almost 5 acres of land! \$785,000
Denise Bondani 248-231-8949



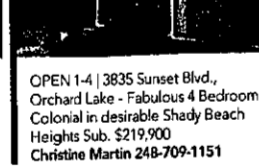
OPEN 1-4 | 47226 Sunnybrook Ln., Novi - Expanded Georgian model w/ent use of crown moldings & volume ceilings. \$625,000 Hosted by Vita Good 248-974-7132



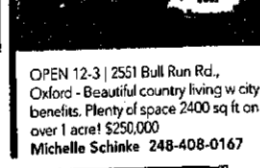
OPEN 1-4 | 576 Driscoll Dr., Oakland Twp. - The lifestyle you deserve!! Walk out your back door right on to Canterbury Lakes! \$330,000
Leslie Doran 248-390-3930



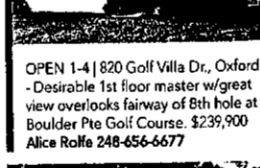
OPEN 1-4 | 3878 Sunset Blvd., Orchard Lake - Upper Strata Lake beach & boat access. Extensively remodeled. \$525,000
Leo Jaffe 248-568-6532



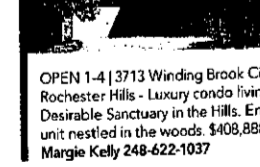
OPEN 1-4 | 3835 Sunset Blvd., Orchard Lake - Fabulous 4 Bedroom Colonial in desirable Shady Beach Heights Sub. \$219,900
Christine Martin 248-709-1151



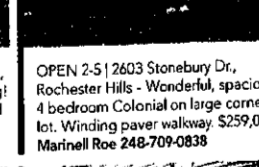
OPEN 12-3 | 2551 Bull Run Rd., Orchard Lake - Beautiful country living w city benefits. Plenty of space 2400 sq ft on over 1 acre! \$250,000
Michelle Schinke 248-408-0167



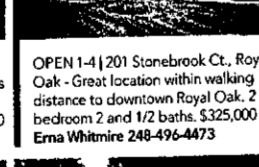
OPEN 1-4 | 820 Golf Villa Dr., Oxford - Desirable 1st floor master w/great view overlooking fairway of 6th hole at Boulder Pte Golf Course. \$239,900
Alice Rolfe 248-656-6677



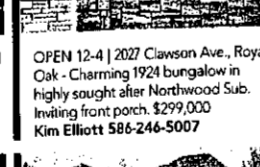
OPEN 1-4 | 3713 Winding Brook Cir., Rochester Hills - Luxury condo living! Desirable Sanctuary in the Hills. End unit nestled in the woods. \$408,888
Marge Kelly 248-422-1037



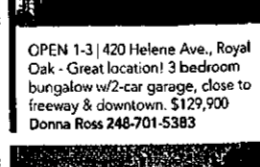
OPEN 2-5 | 2603 Stonebury Dr., Rochester Hills - Wonderful, spacious 4 bedroom Colonial on large corner lot. Winding paver walkway. \$259,000
Marlene Roe 248-709-0838



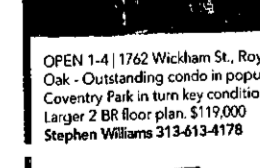
OPEN 1-4 | 201 Stonebrook Ct., Royal Oak - Great location within walking distance to downtown Royal Oak. 2 bedroom 2 and 1/2 baths. \$325,000
Erna Whitmore 248-496-4473



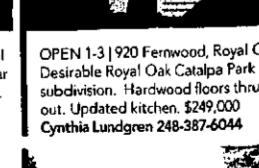
OPEN 12-4 | 2027 Clawson Ave., Royal Oak - Charming 1921 bungalow in highly sought after Northwood Sub. Inviting front porch. \$299,000
Kim Elliott 586-246-5007



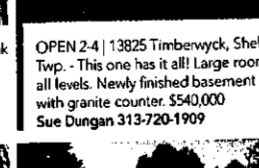
OPEN 1-3 | 420 Helene Ave., Royal Oak - Great location! 3 bedroom bungalow w/2-car garage, close to freeway & downtown. \$129,900
Donna Ross 248-701-5383



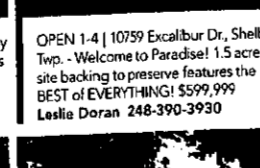
OPEN 1-4 | 1762 Wickham St., Royal Oak - Outstanding condo in popular Coventry Park in turn key condition. Larger 2 BR floor plan. \$119,000
Stephen Williams 313-613-4178



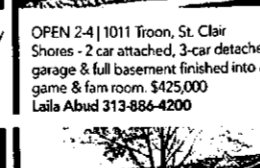
OPEN 1-3 | 920 Fernwood, Royal Oak - Desirable Royal Oak Catapa Park subdivision. Hardwood floors thru-out. Updated kitchen. \$249,000
Cynthia Lundgren 248-387-6044



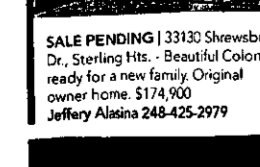
OPEN 1-4 | 13825 Timberwyck, Shelby Twp. - This one has it all! Large rooms all levels. Newly finished basement with granite counter. \$540,000
Sue Dungan 313-720-1909



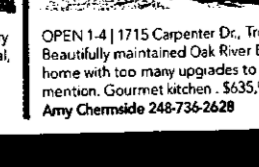
OPEN 1-4 | 10759 Escalbur Dr., Shelby Twp. - Welcome to Paradise! 1.5 acre site backing to preserve features the BEST of EVERYTHING! \$599,999
Leslie Doran 248-390-3930



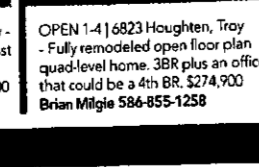
OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St. Clair Shores - 2 car attached, 3-car detached garage & full basement finished into a game & fam room. \$425,000
Laila Abud 313-884-4200



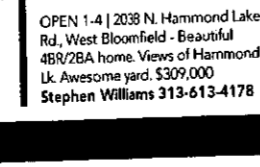
SALE PENDING | 33130 Shrewsbury Dr., Sterling Hts. - Beautiful Colonial, ready for a new family. Original owner home. \$174,900
Jeffery Alaina 248-425-2979



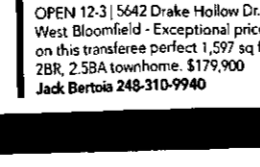
OPEN 1-4 | 1715 Carpenter Dr., Troy - Beautifully maintained Oak River East home with too many upgrades to mention. Gourmet kitchen. \$635,900
Amy Cherniske 248-736-2628



OPEN 1-4 | 6823 Houghton, Troy - Fully remodeled open floor plan quad-level home. 3BR plus an office that could be a 4th BR. \$274,900
Brian Migale 586-855-1258



OPEN 1-4 | 2038 N. Hammond Lake Rd., West Bloomfield - Beautiful 4BR/2BA home. Views of Hammond Lk. Awesome yard. \$309,000
Stephen Williams 313-613-4178



OPEN 12-3 | 5642 Drake Hollow Dr., West Bloomfield - Exceptional price on this transleres perfect 1,597 sq ft. 2BR, 2.5BA townhome. \$179,900
Jack Bertola 248-310-9940